



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Spittal Community First School 20 MPH Speed Limit

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

16 November 2022

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposals to introduce a 20 MPH speed limit around Spittal Community First School.

Recommendations

Given the Council's policy to introduce 20 MPH speed limits outside all schools in the County provided it is feasible to do so, it is recommended that the 20 MPH speed limit should be introduced as proposed in order to improve road safety in the area around the school.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living – 'We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for'

Enjoying – 'We want you to love where you live'

Learning – 'We want you to achieve and realise your potential'

Key Issues

1. The County Council has received concerns regarding traffic speeds and dangerous driving along narrow roads in the residential areas near Spittal Community First School.
2. The provision of a 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Spittal Community First School concurs with the County Council's current policy.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and school representatives.
4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

The introduction of a 20 MPH restriction on the roads adjacent to Spittal Community First School forms part of the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan. The scheme ties in with the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce reduced speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland provided it is feasible to do so. Evidence suggests that measures of this kind adjacent to schools provide a safer environment for all road users.



Fig. 1: Main Street in Spittal, directly outside Spittal Community First School

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles speeding through the roads situated outside of the school, which presents road safety issues for pedestrians such as schoolchildren, cyclists and those navigating through the route with the risk of collisions occurring.

As a result, a 20 MPH speed limit is proposed to be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns and covers the areas identified below in Figure 2. The measures will consist of new regulatory traffic signs along with road markings in the form of roundels to indicate the new speed limit.



Fig. 2: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at Spittal Community First School

Details of the proposals are shown on the plans in Appendix A. They are intended to improve road safety, reduce the risk of collisions and to protect the amenity of the area overall. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	The scheme will be financed through the LTP 2022/23 Programme
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed and on narrow roads
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
Customer Consideration	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Ward	Berwick East

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Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\HE Minor Improvements\HE203430D - Spittal Community First School

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

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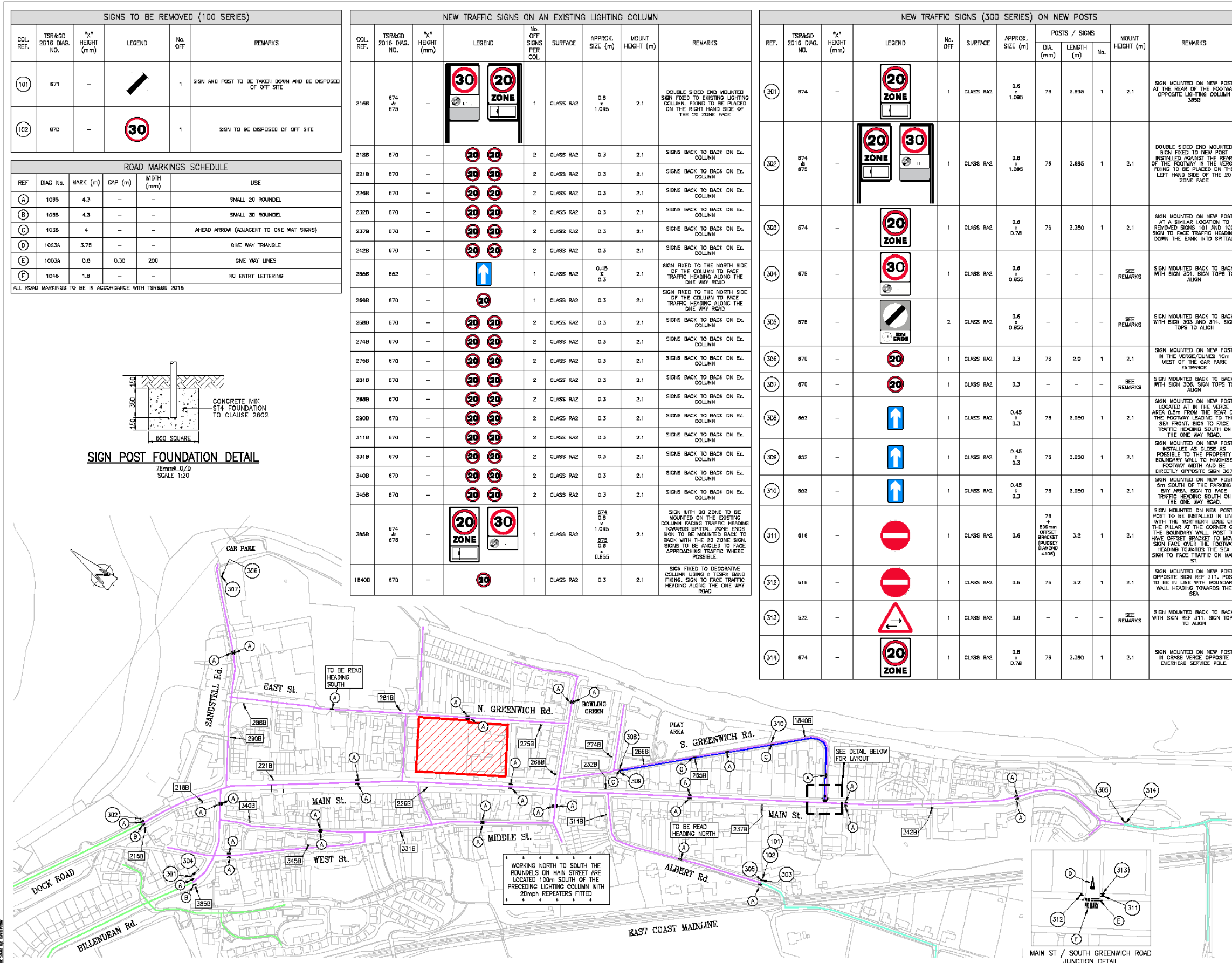
Title of Officer	Service Director, Local Services
Subject	Proposed 20 MPH Speed Limit at Spittal Community First School
Consultation	Not required – NCC policy is to introduce 20 MPH speed limits at all schools provided it is feasible to do so. However statutory consultees have been informed
Decision Taken	To introduce new 20 MPH speed limit at Spittal Community First School

Signature of Director



Date

07.02.23



Contract Drawing No.: 1 A.1

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Notes:

- TRAFFIC SIGNS
- NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS TO COMPLY WITH BS EN 12899-1:2007, AND NATIONAL ANNEK, BE MANUFACTURED FROM ALUMINIUM COMPOSITE PANEL WITH CLASS RA2 SIGN FACE SHEETING UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE IN THE TRAFFIC SIGN SCHEDULE.
- DESIGN WIND-LOADING TO DETERMINE SIGN SUPPORT AND FOUNDATION DESIGN TO BS EN 12899-1:2007, AND NATIONAL ANNEK, HAS BEEN ASSESSED USING BLACKWAVE "SIGNLOAD" SOFTWARE OR SIMILAR APPROVED SOFTWARE. ALL MECHANICAL FASTENERS FOR NEW SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED ONLY FROM NBS 3 APPROVED SOURCES.
- INSURE SIGNS DO NOT PROTRUDE ABOVE SIGN EDGE.
- ENSURE A MINIMUM OF 0.5m CLEARANCE FROM EDGE OF CURB/VERGE.
- ALL SIGNS MOUNTED ON LIGHTING COLUMNS ARE TO HAVE A RUBBER ISOLATION BANDS INSTALLED TO ISOLATE THE COLUMN AND THE SIGN/CUPS FROM EACH OTHER.
- ARTWORK FOR 20 ZONE SIGNS TO BE PROVIDED BY NCD PROGRAMME TEAM.
- ROAD MARKINGS
- NEW MARKINGS TO BE IN THERMOPLASTIC SCREENED WITH APPLIED GLASS BEADS.
- ROAD MARKINGS SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 813 OF SIGN, RETRO-REFLECTIVITY REQUIREMENTS FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION OR DATE OF TRAFFICING, WHICHEVER IS LATER, AND SHALL LAST FOR THE FUNCTIONAL LIFE OF THE WORKING.
- MARKINGS TO HAVE A REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM RETRO-REFLECTIVITY VALUE OF 100 MCD/M²/X.
- THE MINIMUM LAID THICKNESS IS 2.0mm FOR SCREENED MARKINGS AND 1.5mm FOR SPRAY APPLIED MARKINGS. IN NO CASE SHALL ANY MATERIAL BE LAY MORE THAN 10mm THICK.
- AREA TO BE SWEEP CLEAN OF DEBRIS MATERIAL PRIOR TO LAYING OF NEW ROAD MARKINGS.

LEGEND

- EXISTING 30mph SPEED LIMIT
- EXISTING DE-RESTRICTED SPEED LIMIT
- PROPOSED 30mph ZONE
- PROPOSED ONE WAY ROAD
- SCHOOL SITE

AREA OF WORKS

Scale: 1:2000

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